

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

THOMAS JONES, et al

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PLAINTIFFS

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VS.

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CIVIL ACTION NO. 1:14cv447 LG-RHW

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c/w 1:15-cv1-LG-RHW

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1:15-cv44-LG-RHW

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SINGING RIVER HEALTH SERVICES

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FOUNDATION, et al

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DEFENDANTS

ORDER

Pursuant to the Stipulation and Agreement of Compromise And Pro Tanto Settlement and the Joint Motion Requesting Authorization to Transfer Attorney Fees and Expenses, the Court does find as follows:

1. On January 26, 2018, the District Court entered a Supplemental Memorandum Opinion and Order Approving Class Settlement.
2. On August 6, 2018, a unanimous appellate panel of the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals affirmed the District Court's judgment.
3. On September 18, 2018, the Fifth Circuit denied a Petition for Panel Rehearing, noting that "[n]o member of the panel nor judge in regular active service of the court [had] requested that the court be polled on Rehearing En Banc."
4. On March 18, 2019, the United States Supreme Court denied a Petition for Writ of Certiorari, allowing the Fifth Circuit's affirmance to stand.
5. On June 10, 2016 the District Court granted in part Plaintiffs' Motion for Attorneys' Fees, Costs, and Incentive Fees. On February 14, 2018, the District Court granted Plaintiffs' Supplemental Motion for Attorneys' Fees, Costs, and Incentive Fees. Neither of those

orders were appealed and all appeals deadlines have expired. Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, Defendants have escrowed the approved attorneys' fees in the amount of \$6,450,000 and expenses in the amount of \$125,000 during the pendency of the appeals related to approval of the Settlement.

6. The parties now request authorization to electronically transfer the previously approved attorney fees and expenses in the total amount of \$6,575,000 as soon as possible to the Trust Account of Lead Class Counsel Jim Reeves of Reeves & Mestayer, PLLC.

THEREFORE, this Court does Order and Authorize that the approved attorney fees and expenses in the total amount of \$6,575,000 be electronically transferred to the Trust Account of Lead Counsel, Jim Reeves of Reeves & Mestayer, PLLC, where said fees and expenses shall remain until the Court either receives written acknowledgment by Class Counsel that all participating Plaintiffs' counsel sharing in said fees are in agreement to disburse, or further Order of this Court

SO ORDERED AND ADJUDGED this the 1st day of April, 2019.

s/ Louis Guirola, Jr.

LOUIS GUIROLA, JR.
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE